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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT ARREST OF FORMER FAR PERSONNEL

1. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT LPDR IS CRACKING DOWN ON FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS REQUIRING THEM TO INDICATE THEIR PREVIOUS FAR MILITARY SERVICE WHEN COMPLETING STANDARD VILLAGE REGISTRATION FORMS, AND TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES PERSONALLY TO VILLAGE LEADERS.

2. THOSE PERSONNEL WHO DID ADMIT PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE WERE SENT TO EXTENDED SEMINARS IN RURAL AREAS. ONE LOCAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEE WHO ADMITTED HAVING SERVED IN MILITARY WAS SENT TO DIG DITCHES AND WAS RELEASED ONLY AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS EVEN THOUGH THE INDIVIDUAL HAD CRIPPLIED HANDS AS A RESULT OF SEVERE BURNS SUFFERED IN MILITARY SERVICE. THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED ARE APPARENTLY GIVEN DOCUMENTATION FOLLOWING THEIR RESTIFICATION PROTECTING THEM FROM FUTURE ARREST BECAUSE OF THEIR PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE.

3. THE GOVERNMENT ACTION MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON U.S. EMBASSY LOCAL NATIONAL PERSONNEL OF WHOM 29 HAVE PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE. OF THESE 29, 28 HAVE APPARENTLY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH
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GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS

FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL.
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